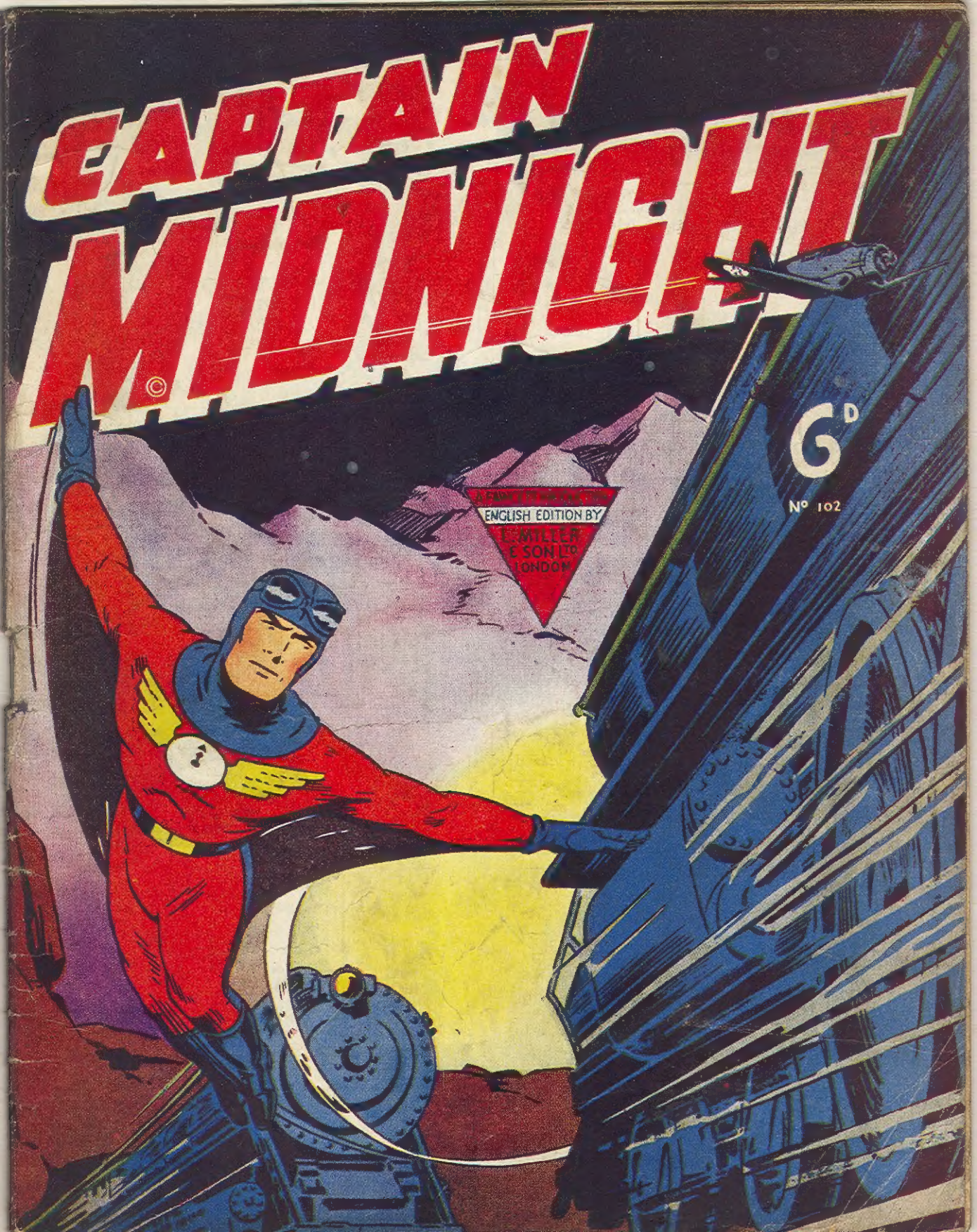
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GIGGLE GAGS

DID THE DOCTOR TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE ?
NO, BUT MY WATCH IS MISSING !
I DON'T FEEL SO WELL LATELY. WHAT SHOULD A MAN TAKE WHEN HE'S RUN DOWN ?
THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE CAR THAT RUNS HIM DOWN !
HEALTH HOKUM
YOUR COUGH SOUNDS MUCH BETTER THIS MORNING--
IT SHOULD-- (COUGH) (COUGH) I'VE BEEN PRACTICING ALL NIGHT !
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF JUMPING UP AND DOWN ?
I TOOK MY MEDICINE AND I FORGOT TO SHAKE THE BOTTLE !
HELLO, MR. THOMPSON. HOW ARE YOU FEELING AFTER YOUR OPERATION ?
FINE. AS A MATTER OF FACT---
-I LAUGHED ALL THROUGH THE OPERATION.
WHAT !!
THAT'S RIGHT-- THE DOCTOR HAD ME IN STITCHES !

CAPTAIN KNIGHT
PANGORA PLAGUE!
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU DEVILS! I'VE GOT TO RESCUE CHUCK!
WHAT BEGAN AS A CAREFREE TROPICAL VACATION FOR CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT AND HIS YOUNG WARD, CHUCK RAMSEY, ENDED WITH A GRIM BATTLE FOR LIFE ITSELF, IN THE IDOL-RIDDEN TEMPLES OF PANGORA ISLAND!
FRAUGHT WITH EVIL WERE THE SAVAGE PRIESTS OF PANGORA, BUT EVEN MORE HORRIBLE WAS THE INEXPLICABLE WHITE DEATH THEY ACCUSED ALBRIGHT OF CAUSING!

IT'S CHUCK RAMSEY'S VACATION FROM SCHOOL AND CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT HAS TAKEN HIM ON A SAILING CRUISE OF THE BLUE PACIFIC! ONE DAY, THEY STOP FOR SUPPLIES...
THERE IT IS, CHUCK--- LITTLE KNOWN PANGORA ISLAND!
GOSH, CAP! IT SURE IS BEAUTIFUL!
CAN WE GO ASHORE, CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT?
SURE THING! WE HAVE TO PICK UP SOME SUPPLIES ANYWAY. LET'S HEAD FOR THE MARKET PLACE!
AS THE TWO AMERICANS ENTER THE MARKET PLACE...
QUITE A BAZAAR, EH, CHUCK? EVERY-THING FROM SOUP TO NUTS, INCLUDING A TRAVELING CIRCUS!
LET'S GO OVER AND LOOK AT THAT SNAKE CHARMER!
HOLY MOLEY! ISN'T THAT RISKY, CAP?
EVIDENTLY NOT! NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM SO FAR.
BUT SUDDENLY!
LOOK, CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT! THE SNAKE CHARMER! ---HE'S COLLAPSING!
I SEE, CHUCK, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
... HE WASN'T EVEN TOUCHED BY THE COBRA! WHY IS HE SO WHITE?
WHY IS HE SO WHITE? BECAUSE YOU STRANGERS HAVE POISONED HIM! YOU HAVE BROUGHT THE WHITE DEATH TO PANGORA!
THAT'S A LIE! WE DIDN'T POISON ANYBODY!
QUIET, CHUCK! LET ME HANDLE THIS!

WHAT IS THE WHITE PLAGUE? HOW DID WE BRING IT?
IT IS THE TERRIBLE PLAGUE THAT HAS KILLED MANY ON THIS ISLAND. AND YOU WHITE STRANGERS HAVE BROUGHT IT! I-I WILL ---
GREAT SCOTT! HE'S GOT THE PLAGUE HIMSELF!
OTHERS COLLAPSE, VICTIMS OF THE DREAD PLAGUE...
CHUCK! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP THESE SICK PEOPLE!
LOOK, CAP'N! NATIVE GUARDS! MAYBE THEY'LL BE ABLE TO HELP!
YOU TWO! COME WITH US!
LET THAT BOY ALONE! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HIM!
THE BIG ONE--- CRUSH HIM!
I'LL STOP HIM--- OOF!
YOU'LL DO WHAT?
BUT SHEER WEIGHT OF NUMBERS PREVAILS!
HA! THAT DOES IT!
OOHH...
GOOD WORK, AKU. NOW--- TAKE THEM TO KING OKEAMA!
YOUR MAJESTY--- HERE ARE THE STRANGERS!
SO! THESE ARE THE TWO STRANGERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT THE WHITE DEATH! THEY WILL PAY!

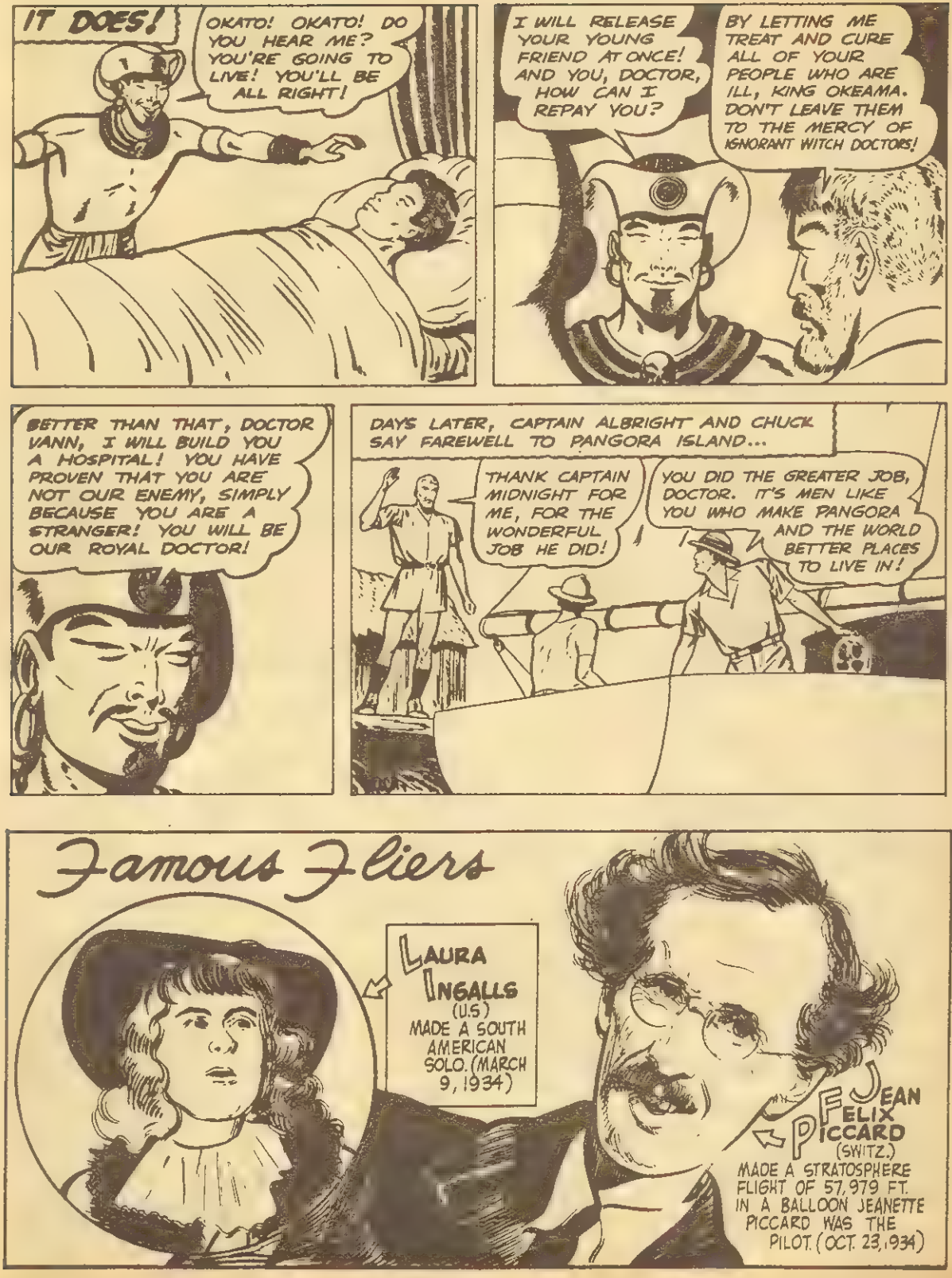
MY ONLY SON, PRINCE OKATO, LIES ILL OF THE WHITE PLAGUE! YOU TWO WILL BE IMPRISONED. IF HE DIES, YOU BOTH DIE! TAKE THEM AWAY!
CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT AND CHUCK ARE PUT IN SEPARATE CELLS IN OKEAMA'S PALACE!
G-GEE WHILLIKENS! NOW WE'RE REALLY IN FOR IT!
IN CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT'S CELL.
THE GUARDS HAVE LEFT! NOW I CAN MAKE A VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE!..
... TO CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT! MY DIAMOND-EDGED WRIST KNIFE WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF THESE BARS! THEN I'LL FIND OUT JUST WHAT'S BEHIND THE WHITE DEATH!
A PASSERBY IS STARTLED BY THE UNFOLDING WINGS OF THE FAMED GLIDERCHUTE, WHICH ENABLES CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT TO COAST EARTHWARD FROM THE CELL WINDOW!
AIEEGE! FLYING MAN! IS WHITE STRANGER!
THAT GIRL! MAYBE SHE CAN HELP ME!
PLEASE--- DON'T GO!
DON'T BE FRIGHTENED. BELIEVE ME---I WANT TO HELP YOUR PEOPLE! TELL ME, IS THERE ANY WHITE DOCTOR ON PANGORA WHO MIGHT KNOW ABOUT THE WHITE DEATH?
THERE IS ONE. HE IS BOSS MEDICINE MAN!
HIS NAME IS BOSS DOCTOR VANN. HE DEEP IN JUNGLE, AT VILLAGE OF TAGATU!
TAGATU! THEN THAT'S WHERE I'LL BE HEADING TO FIND A CERTAIN DOCTOR VANN!

IF I REMEMBER A MAP I HAD IN THE BOAT, TAGATU IS NEXT TO A GREAT SWAMP IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND. IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO FIND!
I'VE GOT TO HURRY OR CHUCK'S LIFE WILL BE LOST! THIS JUNGLE IS SO THICK THAT I CAN'T GET THROUGH IT WITHOUT A MACHINE! UNLESS---
---THE SWING-SPRING HELPS ME TRAVEL OVER THE JUNGLE! AND IT WILL!
THE SWING-SPRING UNFURLS ITS METAL CLAW AND SNAGS AN OVERHANGING BRANCH...
PRESENTLY...
THIS PROVES THAT THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL IS BY AIR! THAT LOOKS LIKE THE GREAT SWAMP IN THE DISTANCE
IF HE COME FROM JUNGLE, KILL HIM!
WE DO!
HMMM... THIS MUST BE TAGATU, ALL RIGHT! BUT THOSE NATIVES SEEM TO BE EXPECTING ME...I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL!
CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT CIRCLES CAUTIOUSLY AROUND THE VILLAGE...
LET ME FIX THE BANDAGE, ARONA.
WHAT LUCK! THAT WHITE MAN MUST BE DOCTOR VANN!
YES, BOSS DOCTOR!
DOCTOR, MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU?
WILL THE JUNGLE DOCTOR BE ABLE TO HELP CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT?

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT TELLS ABOUT THE WHITE DEATH AND CHUCK'S BEING HELD HOSTAGE FOR THE KING'S SON, OKATO!
HMM, CAPTAIN, THIS IS SERIOUS NEWS, BUT YOU SEE, I MUST STAY HERE IN THE VILLAGE TO PROTECT IT FROM A GIANT TIGER WHICH HAS BEEN ATTACKING THE NATIVES.
TIGER! SO THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE ON GUARD AGAINST!
BUT, DOCTOR, IT'S NOT ONLY CHUCK'S LIFE I'M ASKING YOU TO SAVE. ALL OF PANGORA MAY FALL BEFORE THIS WHITE DEATH, UNLESS YOU HELP CHECK IT!
WILL YOU COME, SIR?
AS A MISSIONARY DOCTOR, MY FIRST DUTY IS TO MY FLOCK ITSELF! IT'S A HARD DECISION, BUT---
SUDDENLY, THE DOCTOR'S PROBLEM IS SOLVED, AS THE GIANT TIGER SPRINGS!
ROARR!!
THE TIGER! I'LL SHOOT IT!
NO! YOU MIGHT HIT THE CHILD! LET ME---
---HANDLE THIS!
AAARR!
THE FOOL! HE'LL BE KILLED! FIGHTING A TIGER WITH A KNIFE! I-I CAN'T WATCH!

BUT THE DOCTOR DOESN'T RECKON WITH THE FIGHTING ABILITY OF MIGHTY CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT!
THAT---- JUST---- DOES IT!
WONDERFUL! NOW THAT YOU'VE KILLED THE TIGER, WE'LL BE ABLE TO START FOR THE TOWN AT ONCE!
THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE, DOCTOR VANN! LET'S GO!
TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T KNOW OF THIS TRAIL WHEN YOU CAME TO TAGATU. YOU MIGHT HAVE MADE BETTER TIME!
OH, I MADE PRETTY GOOD TIME!
THERE'S OKEAMA'S PALACE. I HOPE HE LETS YOU TREAT THE BOY!
YES, AND IF HE DOES, I PRAY THAT I HAVE THE PROPER MEDICINE!
THEY BURST INTO THE THRONE ROOM, MIDNIGHT LEADING THE WAY!
PRIESTS! GUARDS! ARREST THESE TWO INTRUDERS!
NO, OKEAMA! HEAR ME! THIS MAN IS A DOCTOR! IF ANY-ONE CAN SAVE YOUR BOY, HE CAN! GIVE HIM A CHANCE!
WILL YOU LET ME HELP THE PRINCE?
I CANNOT REFUSE! DO YOUR WILL! BUT MAY THE GODS HELP YOU IF YOU FAIL!

JUST AS I EXPECTED. THE WHITE DEATH IS A RARE TROPICAL DISEASE OF THE WHITE BLOOD CORPUSCLES! FORTUNATELY, I HAVE THE SERUM FOR IT IN MY KIT...
THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE OKATO, DOCTOR VANN?
I'M AFRAID THE DISEASE MAY HAVE GONE TOO FAR, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT. BUT WE'LL KNOW AT ONCE. IF HE COMES TO WITHIN TEN MINUTES, HE'LL LIVE!
BUT JUST AS THE DOCTOR IS ABOUT TO ADMINISTER THE VITAL DRUG, SEVERAL ENRAGED PRIESTS CHARGE!
INFIDELS! THEY HURT THE PRINCE! KILL THEM!
STOP THE STRANGERS! THEY WILL BEWITCH OKATO!
WHAT THE---
I--- SLASH! YOU
OH NO YOU DON'T! AT LEAST NOT TILL DOCTOR VANN FINISHES SAVING YOUR PRINCE'S LIFE!
MAYBE THIS BLACKOUT BOMB WILL HELP CHANGE YOUR MINDS!
AND THE SUDDEN BLACK CLOUD PUTS THE SUPERSTITIOUS PRIESTS TO FLIGHT!
AAAIEEE!!
IS MAGIC MIST! RUN!
ALL EYES ARE NOW RIVETED ON PRINCE OKATO AS HE LIES MOTIONLESS!...
I'VE DONE ALL I CAN! WILL MY SERUM REVIVE HIM?


IT DOES!
OKATO! OKATO! DO YOU HEAR ME? YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE! YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
I WILL RELEASE YOUR YOUNG FRIEND AT ONCE! AND YOU, DOCTOR, HOW CAN I REPAY YOU?
BY LETTING ME TREAT AND CURE ALL OF YOUR PEOPLE WHO ARE ILL, KING OKEAMA. DON'T LEAVE THEM TO THE MERCY OF IGNORANT WITCH DOCTORS!
BETTER THAN THAT, DOCTOR VANN, I WILL BUILD YOU A HOSPITAL! YOU HAVE PROVEN THAT YOU ARE NOT OUR ENEMY, SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU ARE A STRANGER! YOU WILL BE OUR ROYAL DOCTOR!
DAYS LATER, CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT AND CHUCK SAY FAREWELL TO PANGORA ISLAND...
THANK CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT FOR ME, FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB HE DID!
YOU DID THE GREATER JOB, DOCTOR. IT'S MEN LIKE YOU WHO MAKE PANGORA AND THE WORLD BETTER PLACES TO LIVE IN!
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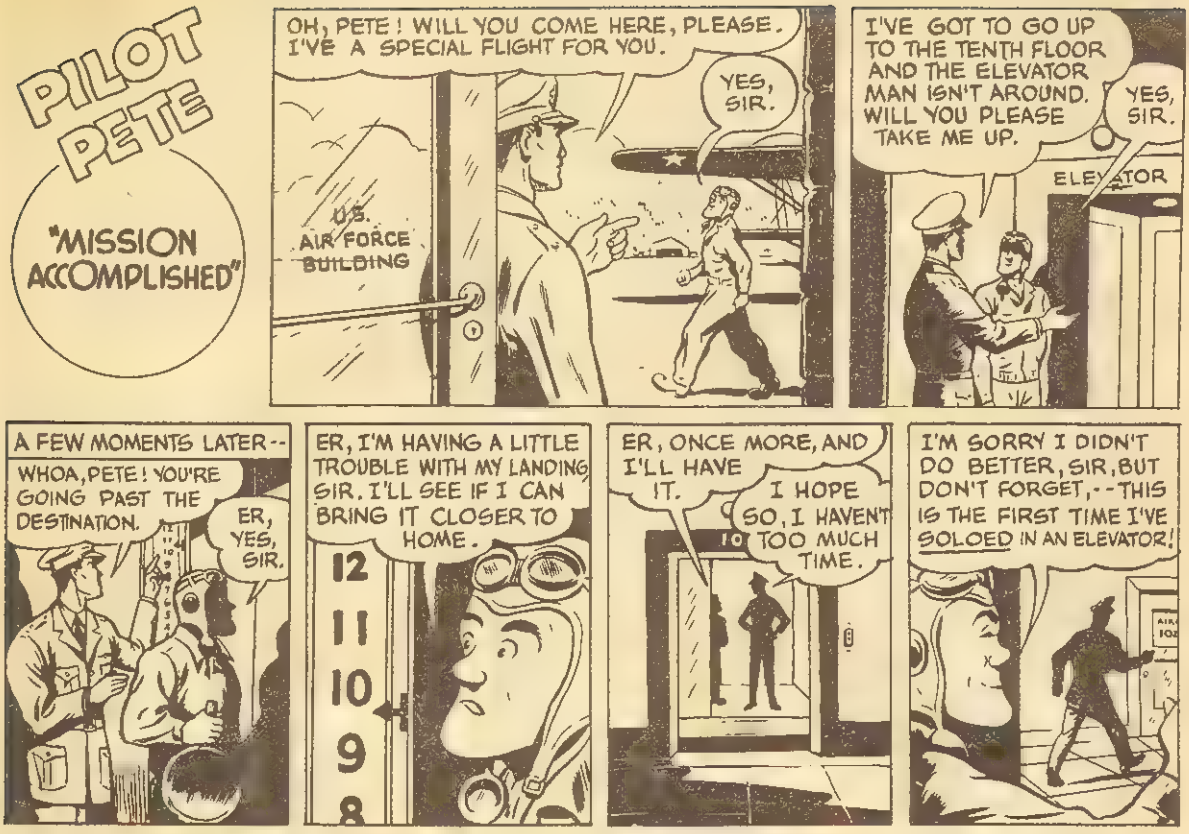

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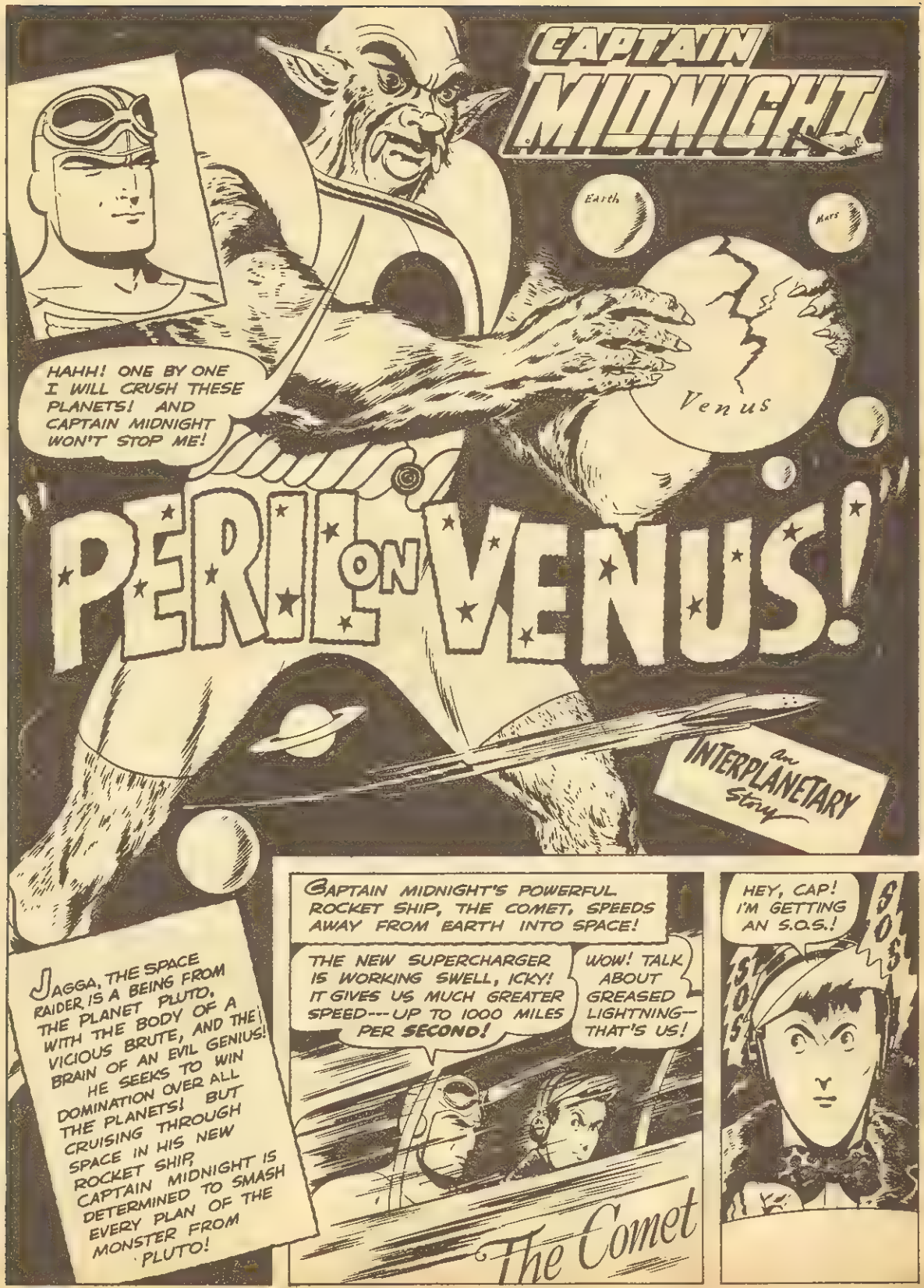
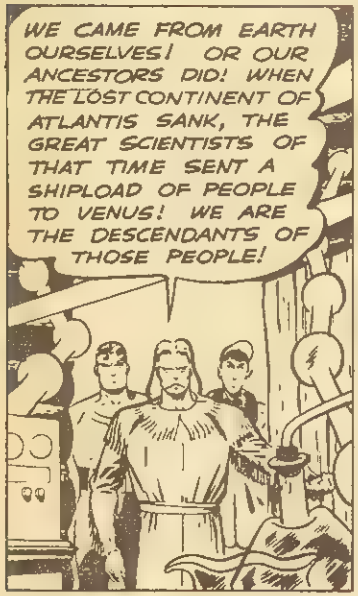

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT
HAHH! ONE BY ONE I WILL CRUSH THESE PLANETS! AND CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT WON'T STOP ME!
Earth
Mars
Venus
PERIL ON VENUS!
an INTERPLANETARY Story
JAGGA, THE SPACE RAIDER, IS A BEING FROM THE PLANET PLUTO, WITH THE BODY OF A VICIOUS BRUTE, AND THE BRAIN OF AN EVIL GENIUS! HE SEEKS TO WIN DOMINATION OVER ALL THE PLANETS! BUT CRUISING THROUGH SPACE IN HIS NEW ROCKET SHIP, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT IS DETERMINED TO SMASH EVERY PLAN OF THE MONSTER FROM PLUTO!
CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT'S POWERFUL ROCKET SHIP, THE COMET, SPEEDS AWAY FROM EARTH INTO SPACE!
THE NEW SUPERCHARGER IS WORKING SWELL, ICKY! IT GIVES US MUCH GREATER SPEED--- UP TO 1000 MILES PER SECOND!
WOW! TALK ABOUT GREASED LIGHTNING--- THAT'S US!
The Comet
HEY, CAP! I'M GETTING AN S.O.S.!
SOS
SOS
SOS

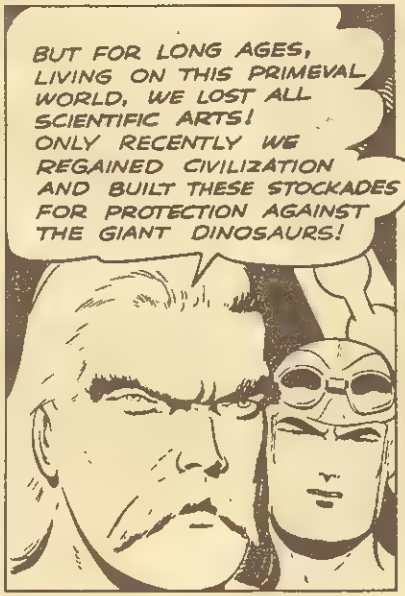
BUT THE SIGNALS AREN'T COMING FROM EARTH! THEY'RE COMING FROM THE PLANET VENUS!
FROM VENUS?
THEN IT MEANS SOMEBODY ON VENUS IS IN TROUBLE! WE'LL LOOK INTO IT! VENUS IS ABOUT 30 MILLION MILES AWAY! WE'LL REACH IT IN EIGHT AND A HALF HOURS!
SINCE WE BUILT THE ROCKET SHIP, WE'VE BEEN TO THE MOON AND MARS NOW WE'LL VISIT VENUS! BOY, THIS IS EXCITING, VISITING ALL THE PLANETS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM!
MERCURY
VENUS
EARTH ✓
MOON ✓
MARS ✓
JUPITER
SATURN
URANUS
NEPTUNE
PLUTO
EIGHT HOURS LATER...
VENUS AHOY! IT'S CALLED THE SISTER WORLD OF EARTH BY THE ASTRONOMERS, BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST THE SAME SIZE! VENUS HAS A DIAMETER OF 7700 MILES, WHILE EARTH IS 7900!
A HEAVY BLANKET OF CLOUDS SURROUNDS THE WHOLE PLANET! THIS SHOWS THAT VENUS HAS A THICK ATMOSPHERE! I'LL GUIDE THE SHIP IN BY RADAR NOW!
VENUS ALSO HAS BIGGER AND MORE STORMY OCEANS THAN EARTH! ARE THE S.O.S. SIGNALS STILL COMING IN, ICKY?
YEH, CAP! FROM STRAIGHT AHEAD, TWO POINTS LEFT!
THERE'S A CITY, CAP! THE S.O.S. COMES FROM THERE!
BUT WHAT A STRANGE CITY!

IT LOOKS LIKE AN OLD-TIME STOCKADE, SUCH AS THE PIONEERS BUILT ON EARTH YEARS AGO!
I LANDED THE SHIP OUTSIDE THE WALLS! NOW WE'LL VISIT THE PEOPLE AND FIND OUT WHY THEY SENT AN S.O.S.!
HOLY SMOKE! IS IT HOT HERE!
VENUS IS ONLY 63 MILLION MILES FROM THE SUN, ICKY! EARTH IS 93 MILLION! THAT'S WHY IT'S HOTTER HERE!
YEOWW! LOOK, CAP! A GIANT B-BEAST JUST CAME OUT OF THE J-JUNGLE!
ROARRR!
DINOSAUR!
RELAX, ICKY! ANOTHER DINOSAUR IS CHALLENGING IT TO A BATTLE! WE'RE SAFE!
VENUS IS IN THE SAME STAGE OF DEVELOPEMENT THAT EARTH WAS IN MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, ICKY! THAT EXPLAINS THE PRESENCE OF DINOSAURS!
WHAT EXPLAINS THE PIONEER STOCKADE? BUT TELL ME LATER, CAP! AFTER WE GET INSIDE AND AWAY FROM THESE BONE PICKERS!
HELLO! OPEN UP! WE GOT YOUR S.O.S.!
GOSH! I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE LIVE HERE ON VENUS? THEY SURE WERE QUEER DUCKS ON MARS!

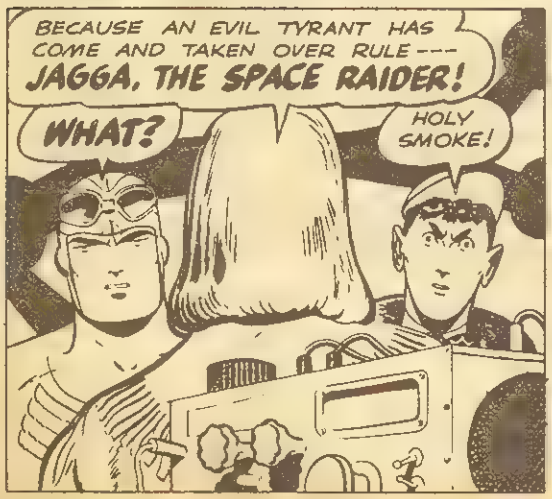
HUH?? WHY, HE'S A HUMAN BEING, JUST LIKE US!
HALLO!
HUMAN BEINGS ON VENUS? WHAT A SURPRISE!

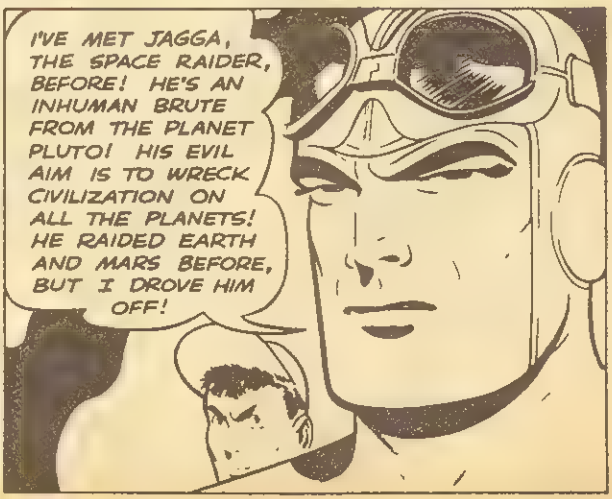
MY NAME IS DR. KRELL! FOLLOW ME!
I'M CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT, FROM EARTH! BUT HOW IS IT YOU PEOPLE ARE JUST LIKE US, AND SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE?

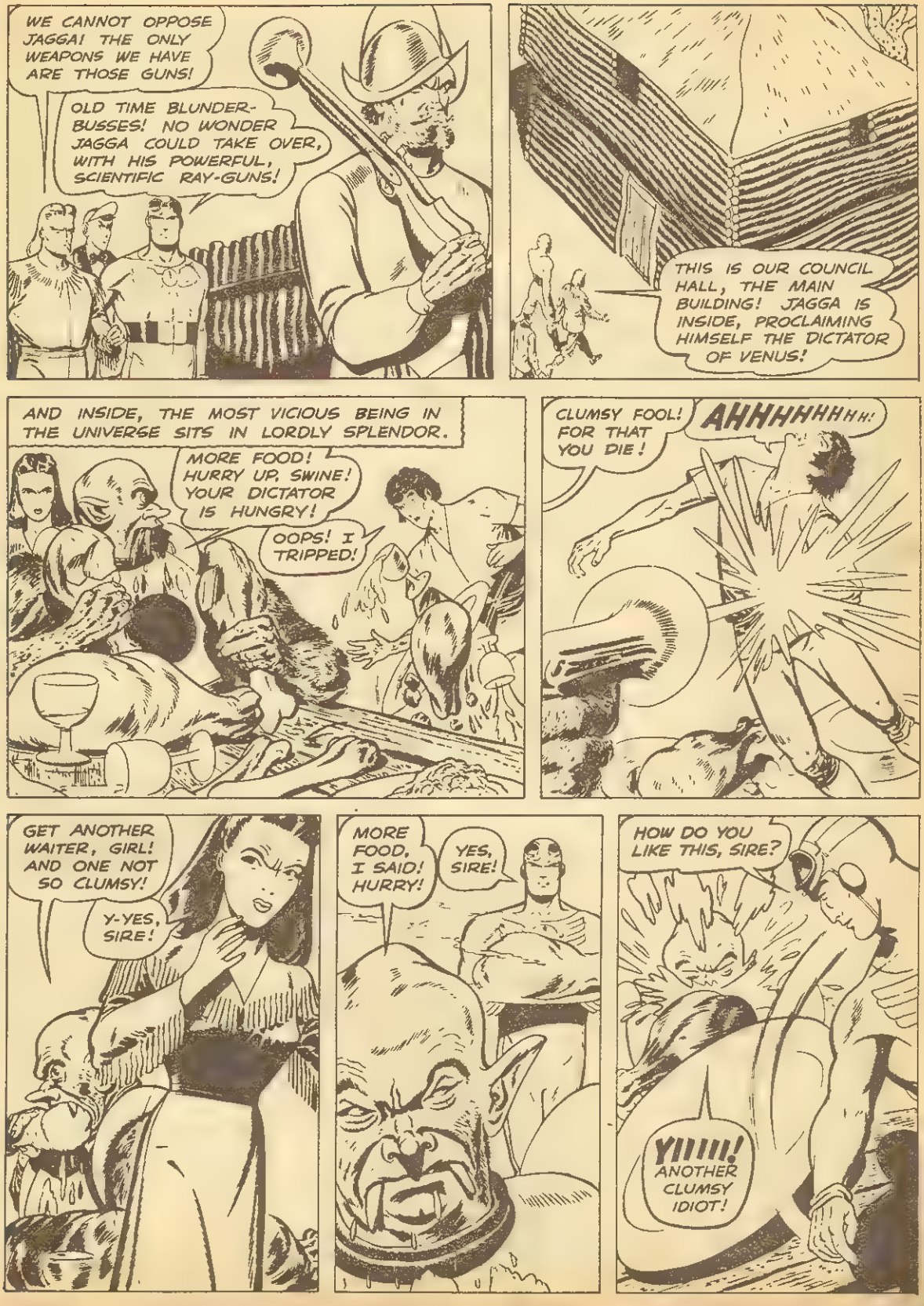

WE CAME FROM EARTH OURSELVES! OR OUR ANCESTORS DID! WHEN THE LOST CONTINENT OF ATLANTIS SANK, THE GREAT SCIENTISTS OF THAT TIME SENT A SHIPLOAD OF PEOPLE TO VENUS! WE ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF THOSE PEOPLE!

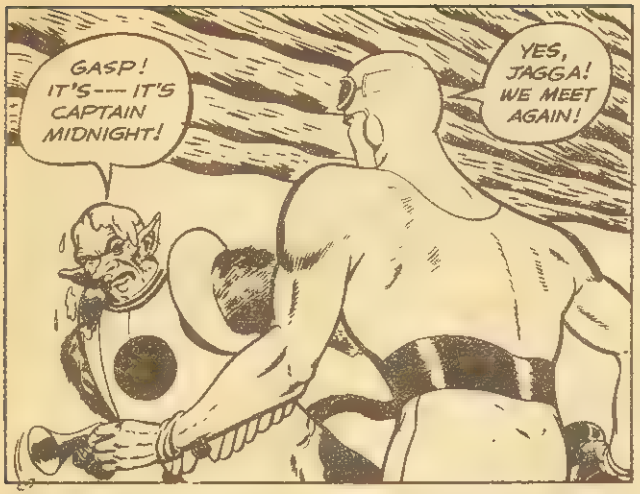

BUT FOR LONG AGES, LIVING ON THIS PRIMEVAL WORLD, WE LOST ALL SCIENTIFIC ARTS! ONLY RECENTLY WE REGAINED CIVILIZATION AND BUILT THESE STOCKADES FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THE GIANT DINOSAURS!

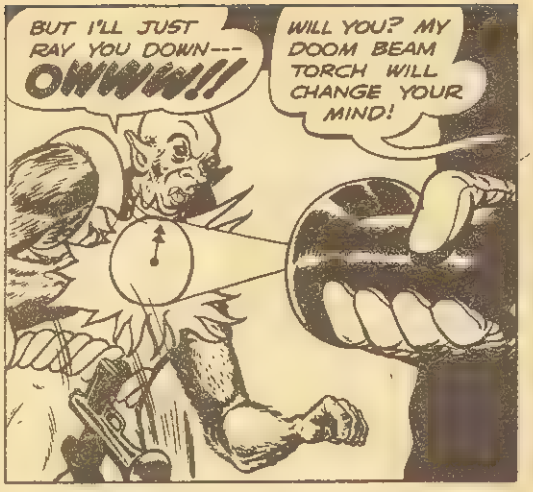
A FEW YEARS AGO, I INVENTED THE FIRST RADIO! WE PICKED UP SIGNALS FROM EARTH, AND THUS LEARNED YOUR MODERN LANGUAGE! BUT IT WAS ONLY YESTERDAY THAT I SUCCEEDED IN SENDING A POWERFUL ENOUGH S.O.S. SIGNAL TO REACH EARTH!
BUT WHY DID YOU SIGNAL FOR HELP.

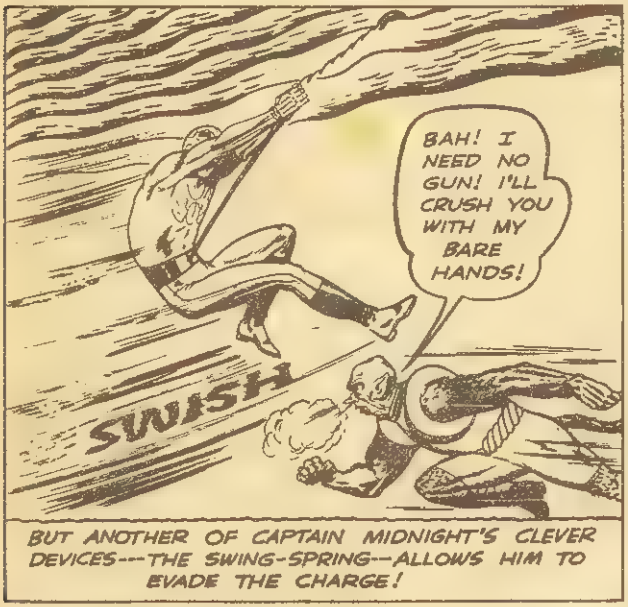

BECAUSE AN EVIL TYRANT HAS COME AND TAKEN OVER RULE --- JAGGA, THE SPACE RAIDER!
WHAT?
HOLY SMOKE!

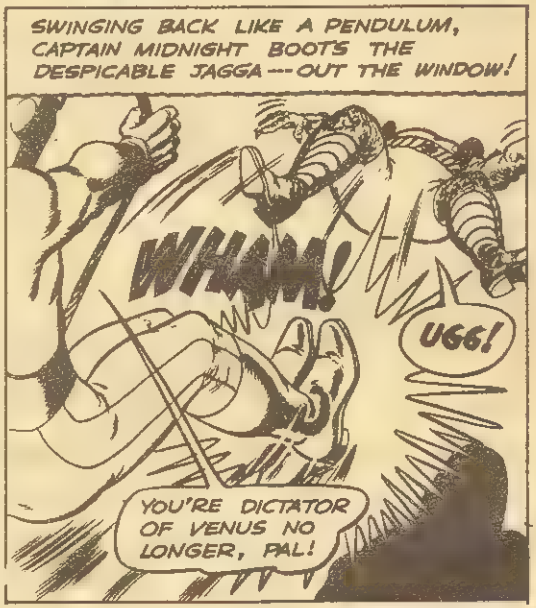

I'VE MET JAGGA, THE SPACE RAIDER, BEFORE! HE'S AN INHUMAN BRUTE FROM THE PLANET PLUTO! HIS EVIL AIM IS TO WRECK CIVILIZATION ON ALL THE PLANETS! HE RAIDED EARTH AND MARS BEFORE, BUT I DROVE HIM OFF!


WE CANNOT OPPOSE JAGGA! THE ONLY WEAPONS WE HAVE ARE THOSE GUNS!
OLD TIME BLUNDER-BUSSES! NO WONDER JAGGA COULD TAKE OVER, WITH HIS POWERFUL, SCIENTIFIC RAY-GUNS!
THIS IS OUR COUNCIL HALL, THE MAIN BUILDING! JAGGA IS INSIDE, PROCLAIMING HIMSELF THE DICTATOR OF VENUS!
AND INSIDE, THE MOST VICIOUS BEING IN THE UNIVERSE SITS IN LORDLY SPLENDOR.
MORE FOOD! HURRY UP, SWINE! YOUR DICTATOR IS HUNGRY!
OOPS! I TRIPPED!
CLUMSY FOOL! FOR THAT YOU DIE!
AHHHHHHHH!
GET ANOTHER WAITER, GIRL! AND ONE NOT SO CLUMSY!
Y-YES, SIRE!
MORE FOOD, I SAID! HURRY!
YES, SIRE!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS, SIRE?
YIIIII! ANOTHER CLUMSY IDIOT!

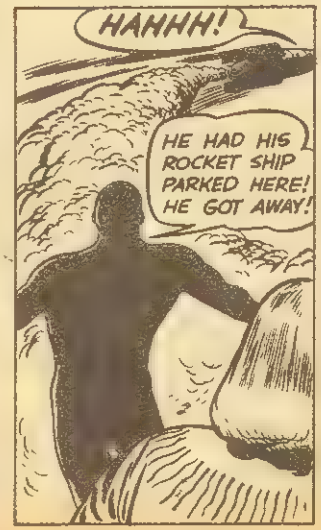

GASP! IT'S--- IT'S CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT!
YES, JAGGA! WE MEET AGAIN!


BUT I'LL JUST RAY YOU DOWN--- OWWW!!
WILL YOU? MY DOOM BEAM TORCH WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND!


BAH! I NEED NO GUN! I'LL CRUSH YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS!
SWISH
BUT ANOTHER OF CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT'S CLEVER DEVICES---THE SWING-SPRING--ALLOWS HIM TO EVADE THE CHARGE!


SWINGING BACK LIKE A PENDULUM, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT BOOTS THE DESPICABLE JAGGA---OUT THE WINDOW!
WHAM!
UGG!
YOU'RE DICTATOR OF VENUS NO LONGER, PAL!

CURSES! I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE THAT CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT! I'LL RUN FOR MY SHIP!


HAHHH!
HE HAD HIS ROCKET SHIP PARKED HERE! HE GOT AWAY!

BUT THANKS, ANYWAY, FOR DRIVING HIM OFF, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT!
IF I KNOW JAGGA, HE'LL TRY SOME MORE DEVILTRY! COME ON, ICKY, WE'RE GOING TO CRUISE AROUND IN OUR SHIP!

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT IS RIGHT! ELSEWHERE, THE SINISTER MASTER-MIND FROM PLUTO LANDS AND...
THIS MAGATRON BOMB WILL BLOW THE FORT TO SHREDS! THAT IS MY REVENGE!
BUT DIRECTLY OVERHEAD!....
TAKE THE CONTROLS, ICKY! I'VE GOT TO STOP THAT BOMB!
OKAY, CAP'N!
VIA HIS GLIDERCHUTE, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT PREVENTS THE BOMB FROM REACHING ITS MARK!
THIS WILL MAKE THE BOMB FALL HARMLESSLY INTO THE SEA! NOW TO USE THE AIR-CURRENTS AND REACH JAGGA ON THE CLIFF!
SLAP!
THAT'S ALL FOR YOU, MY FIENDISH FRIEND!
Allllll!
KNOCKED OFF THE CLIFF, THE TYRANT FROM PLUTO SINKS INTO THE TURBULENT SEA!
LOOKS LIKE THE END OF JAGGA! NO MAN CAN SWIM OUT OF THAT STORMY OCEAN!
SOON AFTER...
ALL MY PEOPLE THANK YOU, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT! YOU NOT ONLY SAVED VENUS, BUT RID THE UNIVERSE OF A TERRIBLE MENACE! FAREWELL!
BUT ELSEWHERE, ON AN ISLAND!...
I AM POWERFUL! I SWAM THROUGH THE SEA TO THIS ISLAND! CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT THINKS I AM DEAD! BUT I'LL MEET HIM AGAIN, SOMEWHERE AMONG THE PLANETS! AND NEXT TIME, JAGGA, THE SPACE RAIDER, WILL BE THE VICTOR! HAHH!

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT

SABOTAGE AT THE SWITCH!

CIVILIZATION FORGES ITS WAY THROUGH THE JUNGLE WILDERNESS, PACED BY THE GLEAMING RAILS OF THE MIGHTY TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD! BUT CASEY JAMES, THE YOUNG ENGINEERING GENIUS, AGAIN RUNS INTO SINISTER DELAY! IT IS THEN THAT THE RENOWNED **CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT** ENTERS THE PICTURE, IN A BATTLE AGAINST A SCIENTIFIC FOE!

AT HIS NEVADA LABORATORY, CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT READS A LETTER FROM HIS FRIEND, CASEY JAMES, BRILLIANT YOUNG ENGINEER...
HOW IS CASEY JAMES GETTING ALONG WITH HIS TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD, CAP?
FINE, ICKY! HE JUST WROTE THAT HE'S WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE NOW! HE WORKED OUT A NEAT PLAN TO SPEED THINGS ALONG!
HIS RAILS ARE LAID ONLY AS FAR AS STACHIO SO FAR! BUT INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE LINE TO REACH GORGE GRANDE, HE'S ALREADY BUILDING A TRESTLE-BRIDGE THERE! BY THE TIME THE RAILS REACH THE GORGE, THE BRIDGE WILL BE FINISHED!
STACHIO
Gorge Grande
GOSH, THAT'S SMART! BUT HEY--- HOW DOES HE GET HIS MATERIALS TO THE GORGE, IF THE RAILROAD HAS NO LINE THAT FAR YET?
BY AIR, ICKY! HE'S FERRYING SUPPLIES BY PLANE FROM THE COAST!
SMART LAD, THAT CASEY JAMES! BY USING SPEED-UP METHODS LIKE THAT, HE'LL FINISH THE RAILROAD WELL AHEAD OF HIS CONTRACT! IMAGINE FERRYING MATERIALS BY AIR, TO THE WILD INTERIOR! IT'S A STROKE OF GENIUS!
BUT FAR TO THE SOUTH, AT GORGE GRANDE, CASEY JAMES HIMSELF IS NOT SO SURE IT WAS GENIUS!
SEÑOR JAMES! WE NEED MATERIALS TO GO AHEAD! BUT THE LAST PLANE IS OVERDUE!
AGAIN? THAT'S THE THIRD PLANE OVERDUE IN THE PAST WEEK! AND NONE OF THEM EVER SHOWED UP!
WHO OR WHAT'S DELAYING MY PLANES, BETWEEN THE COAST AND HERE? I'LL NEVER GET THE GORGE SPANNED! I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT HERE GOES ANOTHER APPEAL TO CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT!

SOON, CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT RECEIVES A CABLEGRAM!
GET THE BEECHCRAFT READY, ICKY! CASEY JAMES NEEDS US!
CABLEGRAM
FERRY PLANES MYSTERIOUSLY LOST--- NEED YOUR HELP--- PLEASE COME--- CASEY JAMES
THE FAMED BEECHCRAFT ROARS SOUTH!
INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE GORGE, WE'LL GO RIGHT TO THE COAST WHERE THE FERRY PLANES START OUT!
AT A COASTAL AIRPORT.
CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT? YOU ARE SEÑOR JAMES FRIEND! THEN YOU WILL HELP US!
WE'LL TRY! WHAT'S THE SITUATION?
THE FERRY PLANES HAVE NOT BEEN GETTING THROUGH TO THE INTERIOR! THREE PLANES HAVE BEEN LOST! NO WORD FROM THE PILOTS! AND NOW, THE OTHER PILOTS REFUSE TO MAKE THE RUN!
HMMM! SCARED OFF, EH?
I'M GOING TO TAKE A PLANE THROUGH MYSELF! ICKY, YOU FOLLOW ME UP, IN THE NEXT PLANE, IN SIX HOURS!
RIGHT, CAP!
THERE GOES A BRAVE MAN! ...I HOPE HE REACHES SEÑOR JAMES!
IF ANYBODY CAN GET THROUGH, HE'S THE ONE!
ALL SEEMS WELL! NOTHING BUT WILD MOUNTAINS BELOW! I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER PLANES?

CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT IS TO FIND OUT ALL TOO SOON, FOR SUDDENLY....
HEY! THE PLANE IS DIVING! BUT WHY?
OOF! I CAN'T PULL IT OUT OF THE DIVE! HOLY SMOKE! IT ACTUALLY FEELS AS THOUGH A MAGNETIC FORCE IS PULLING THE PLANE DOWN!
THE PLANE CRASHES, BUT SECONDS BEFORE A FLASHING FIGURE ZOOMS FORTH--- THE FAMED CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT!
KARASH!
WOW! I GOT OUT BARELY IN TIME! NOW THE WING-RELEASE ON MY GLIDER-CHUTE WILL CARRY ME DOWN SAFELY!
ANOTHER WRECK OVER THERE!... SO ALL THE PLANES HIT THIS MOUNTAIN PEAK! I'VE HEARD OF MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS BEFORE, BUT NONE SO POWERFUL AS THIS ONE!
WELL, THIS SOLVES THE MYSTERY! ALL CASEY JAMES HAS TO DO IS RE-ROUTE THE PLANES A DIFFERENT WAY, AND AVOID THIS MAGNETIC MOUNTAIN! LET'S SEE HOW STRONG THE MAGNETIC PULL IS. ON THIS PIECE OF METAL FROM THE WRECK!
HEY, THIS IS QUEER! THERE'S NO MAGNETIC PULL AT ALL NOW! MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS DON'T SWITCH ON AND OFF LIKE THAT!
SO THAT MEANS THE MAGNETIC FORCE IS MAN-MADE! I'M GOING TO SCOUT AROUND AND FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT HAS COME TO A STARTLING CONCLUSION!

MEANWHILE, AT THE GORGE, CASEY JAMES RECEIVES A RADIO MESSAGE!
SEÑOR JAMES! HASN'T CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT ARRIVED YET? HE LEFT HOURS AGO, IN A FERRY PLANE!
WHAT? THEN HE MUST HAVE DISAPPEARED TOO!
MY OLD FRIEND --- CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT --- I SENT HIM TO HIS DOOM! HE'LL NEVER COME BACK, LIKE THOSE OTHER PILOTS!... AND THIS WRECKS ALL MY HOPES OF GETTING THE TRESTLE-BRIDGE DONE!
BUT THE ANGUISHED YOUNG ENGINEER DOES NOT KNOW THAT CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT IS ON THE JOB, BACK AT THE MOUNTAIN...
HUH? SOMEBODY TAKING POT-SHOTS AT ME!
Z-ZING
THUD!
GOT HIM, THE SNOOPER!
YIPE!
DID YOU? PLAYING POSSUM IS AN OLD TRICK, BUT IT OFTEN WORKS!
YOU MUST HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH THIS MAGNETIC BUSINESS! THIS'LL LOOSEN YOUR TONGUE!
WHACK!
BUT THE GUARD MAKES A BREAK FOR IT AND...
I'LL CATCH HIM AND --- NO, WAIT! LET HIM LEAD ME TO HIS HIDE-OUT OR HEADQUARTERS! I'LL PRETEND TO FALL BEHIND!

I SHOOK HIM! BUT I BETTER REPORT THIS TO THE BOSS!
GOOD OLD BRUNO! HE KEEPS PEOPLE AWAY IF THEY HAPPEN TO STUMBLE ON THIS CAVE!
BUT THE SHARP EYES OF THE SKY-FIGHTER ARE NOT EASILY FOOLED...
THAT THUS WENT INTO THIS CAVE! HMMM! A STUFFED BEAR! PRETTY CLEVER!
HOLY MACKEREL! WHAT'S THIS? LOOKS LIKE A GIANT DYNAMO AND ELECTRO-MAGNET!
PROFESSOR BLAKK! A MAN IN A RED UNIFORM SAVED HIMSELF FROM THE LAST PLANE! HE'S SNOOPING AROUND!
ORDER THE MEN TO HUNT HIM DOWN!
NO NEED FOR THAT! HERE I AM!

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, PAL, AND THEN FOR THE PROFESSOR!
FOOL! I WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU EASILY! I WILL TURN ON THE ELECTRO-MAGNET FULL POWER!
ELECTRO-MAGNET FULL POWER
HAHH! I AND MY MEN WEAR NO METAL THINGS AT ALL! BUT YOU HAVE METAL PARTS ON AND THE MAGNET WILL NOW PULL YOU UP!
HEY! I'M GOING UP!
GREAT SCOTT! I'M STUCK TO THE MAGNET LIKE GLUE! I CAN'T MOVE! IT'S THE SAME POWERFUL MAGNETIC FORCE THAT PULLS THE BIG PLANES DOWN FROM THE SKY!
YES! DO YOU KNOW WHY I HAVE BUILT THIS HUGE MAGNET? TO TEST IT OUT AS A FUTURE WAR WEAPON! A FEW MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS LIKE THIS AND ENEMY PLANES WOULD ALL BE WRECKED! I WILL SOON SELL THE PLANS FOR AN ENORMOUS FORTUNE!
SO THAT'S IT? YOU INSTALLED THIS OUTFIT IN A REMOTE REGION SO IT COULD BE TESTED SECRETLY! YOU USED CASEY JAMES'S FERRY PLANES AS CONVENIENT GUINEA PIGS! WHAT A HARD-HEARTED, RUTHLESS SCOUNDREL!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR LECTURE, FOOL! MEN, SHOOT HIM NOW!
PROFESSOR, ANOTHER PLANE IS PASSING OVER!
THEN WAIT! BEFORE WE SHOOT THE SPY, WE MUST WATCH THIS PLANE CRACK UP! IT IS ALWAYS SUCH A FASCINATING SIGHT!

GOOD HEAVENS! THAT MUST BE ICKY, IN THE FOLLOW-UP PLANE! THEY'LL WRECK HIM--- KILL HIM---! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING...
MY HEEL KNIFE! I'LL CUT ONE OF THE WIRES AND SHORT-CIRCUIT THE MAGNET!
SSSSSS!!
THE MAGNET POWER IS OFF! I'M FREE!
GET HIM!
FUNNY, BUT YOUR CHINS SEEM TO ATTRACT MY FISTS, JUST LIKE A MAGNET!
WHACK!
BAM!
WITH A PREMONITION OF WHAT IS TO FOLLOW, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT DASHES FROM THE CAVE STRONGHOLD TO THE OPEN AIR!
THE DYNAMO IS STILL PUMPING CURRENT THROUGH THE SHORT CIRCUIT! UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, SOMETHING TERRIFIC IS GOING TO HAPPEN ANY SECOND!
RRRRRRR!
FLYING OVERHEAD, ICKY WITNESSES AN AWESOME SIGHT!
HOLY SMOKE! THAT MOUNTAIN BLEW ITS WHOLE TOP! SOMETHING TELLS ME CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT IS BEHIND THIS! I'LL LAND ON THAT PLATEAU AHEAD AND SEE IF HE'S AROUND!
ICKY MAKES THE PICKUP, AND LATER, AT GRAND GORGE, AFTER THE CHANGE TO CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT IS MADE...
THE REST OF YOUR FERRY PLANES WILL ALL COME THROUGH FROM NOW ON, CASEY! I'LL TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY LATER!
ALBRIGHT! SAFE AND SOUND! WHAT A LOAD OFF MY MIND! AND ANOTHER BIG BOOST TO MY TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD FROM YOU!
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